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Zipline over Karanji Lake

Works halted

Tourism Department fails to produce work order, mandatory permissions

SOM impact

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (MTY& BCT)- Following publication of the report in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* about the 'quiet and hidden' construction works being carried out on the banks of Karanji Lake Nature Park, attached to Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, the Mysuru Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha has directed the Tourism Department to halt the civil works related to the proposed zipline project at the Lake, stating that mandatory permission had not been obtained from Zoo authorities.

She said, although Rs. 14 crore zipline project, part of the total Rs. 18.36 crore tourism development project under the Centre's Swadesh Darshan scheme had been approved by Zoo Authority of Karnataka, the Tourism Department had not secured clearance from the Zoo to undertake physical works within the eco-sensitive Lake using earthmovers for excavation.

"Tourism Department has no clearance from the jurisdictional Zoo and there is no security approval. They have not even produced the work order, which is mandatory. Hence, the works have been halted," she said.

(See WORKS on page 7)

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, Founder and Chairman, Narayana Health, was in Mysuru today for the launch of Next-Generation Radiation Therapy Upgrade. Turn to **Page-6** for an exclusive interview of Dr. Shetty with *Star of Mysore* on healthcare.—**Ed**

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 19th February 2026

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 19- As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its quarterly maintenance works at Vajamangala Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Harohalli, Mellahalli, Galigarahundi, Shivapura, Lakshmipura, Halagayyanahundi, ATME College, HNK Industries, Bannur Main Road, T. Narasipur Main Road, Nadanahalli, Bhugathahalli, Vajamangala, Varuna, Dandikere, Pillahalli, Chikkahalli, Choornahalli, Yandahalli, Varakodu, Mosambayyanahalli, Badagalahundi, Kemegowdanahundi, Vasanthanagar, Prakruthi Layout, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, Shanthaveri Gopalagowdanagar, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Police Layout 3rd Stage, BVL Layout, Saptamatruka Layout, MyCEM College, VTU Regional Centre, Lalithadripura, Lalithadari Layout and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF YES: ***'Yes' is affirmative action. It is embracing positivity, opening yourself to endless possibilities, living life more meaningfully and forging stronger relationships. When we say 'yes' we are more confident, full of conviction and faith in our values and beliefs .Often in life we are faced with the dilemma of saying 'yes' to a proposition we are totally unsure of. Saying 'yes' would mean putting yourself out to extend a helping hand to fellow human beings, empathise with their situation and share the pain and travail they are going through. It would mean stepping out of your comfort zone, making commitments and taking on obligations, that may call for an amount of sacrifice and even the risk of failure.***

But if your intuitive capacity is right and yes springs from compassion and conviction yes is right. A chance encounter can turn into a rewarding connection, a chance gesture of goodwill can give you great dividends of joy and fulfilment, if we don't stint on your good impulses. Some of the most memorable moments of life flow from connection. Great minds have given rise to great literature, great art, path-breaking discoveries and humanitarian service which would never have been possible but for saying 'yes' weighing the pros and cons of a toss-up between passion and run of the mill livelihood.

Saying 'yes' when all others are looking away is not a choice but a moral imperative, a realisation of being fully human, overcoming our fear of failure and limiting beliefs. The *Bhagavad Gita* ***says it is our duty to stand for the right and protect the vulnerable,*** *dharma* ***that aligns with cosmic order.*** *Yato dharmastato jayah* ***(Where there is*** *dharma* ***there is victory).***

The power of yes is a transformative, faith-driven response to God's calling, moving us from hesitation to obedience and unlocking purpose and blessing. It is to overcome fear and inadequacy as when someone jumps into a river to rescue a drowning child on the impulse of a moment without forethought. We do not recognise our capabilities until they are proved beyond doubt, without our even knowing. The Persian poet Hafiz says, *I wish I could show you /when you are lonely and in darkness/the astonishing light /of your own being!*

Saying 'yes' is not a given when we feel manipulated or coerced, the purpose should recommend itself to your conscience before you champion the cause wholeheartedly. *— Sudha Devi Nayak in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

71-year-old manatee is the world's oldest

Okaloosa Island: A resident of a Florida aquarium confirmed to be at least 71 years old has been certified as the oldest manatee ever by Guinness World Records.

The record-keeping organisation said Romeo, a resident at the Gulfarium on Okaloosa Island, was found in the wild in 1957 and was estimated to be 2-5 years old, making him at least 71 years old in 2026 and likely a few years older.

Romeo fathered nine calves with his partner, Juliet, who died at the age of 65 in April 2024.

Manatees typically live from 30-40 years old, Gulfarium officials said.

Guinness World Records said the previous oldest manatee ever, named Snooty, was 69 years and 2 days old when he died in July 2017 at the South Florida Museum in Bradenton.

Van follows GPS to military firing range

Essex: An Amazon delivery van took a wrong turn while following GPS directions and ended up stuck on mudflats used as a shooting range by Britain's Ministry of Defence.

HM Coastguard Southend on Sea said on social media that crews responded Sunday morning to The Broomway, "a 600-year-old, 6-mile 'walking' path out into the Thames Estuary."

An Amazon driver had been trying to get to Foulness Island and followed GPS directions that led it to The Broomway in Great Wakering, Essex. The van quickly became stuck in the mud.

"The Broomway route is not for vehicles and should only be walked on with a guide who knows the mud flats," the Coastguard said.

The delivery driver was able to exit the van and report the incident to Amazon. The van was safely removed on Sunday.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Gut-related symptoms can significantly affect sleep quality, mental health, and daily productivity.

By Dr. Nischay R - Consultant – Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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Vocal concert at Ganabharathi

Vidu. Kamala *Vid. Harish* *Vidu. Shruthi* *Vid. Nandan*

Mysuru, Feb. 19- Ganabharathi has organised a music concert in memory of Sri Desiraju Venkata Narasimha Rao and Smt. Tripura Sundaramma at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, tomorrow (Feb. 20) at 6 pm.

Vidu. Kamala Deepthi will present a vocal concert accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Harish Chandra on kanjira.

Profile: Vidu. Kamala Deepthi had her initial training in Karnatak Music from Pappu Padma Ravi Shankar. Later, she learnt from the eminent musician Dr. Pantula Rama. Presently, she is under the tutelage of the legendary musician *Padma Bhushan, Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Madurai T.N. Seshagopalan.

She is a young and promising Karnatak vocalist with high calibre known for lengthy breathtaking phrases while singing Raga Alapana and calculations with contrasting laya patterns while singing Swara Kalpana, both hallmark of her guru Seshagopalan's style of singing.

She has won many prizes and awards from organisations across India and received critical acclaim for her concerts from stalwarts.

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- *Surendranath Banerjee became the first Indian journalist to be imprisoned in 1883.*
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

My doctor told me to run 5 miles a day. So when he called me in two weeks for a follow-up, I was 140 miles from home!?

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 91.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 122.85
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1 Euro	= Rs. 107.41

VOICE OF THE READER

An eyesore on KRS Road

Sir,

If you are travelling to Brindavan Gardens via KRS Road, you cannot overlook the unsightly garbage pile-up just past the railway crossing near Brigade Symphony Apartment.

This disheartening scene stands in stark contrast to Mysuru's aspiration of being one of the cleanest cities in India.

Passers-by, whether on two-wheelers or in cars, routinely toss their trash here without a second thought, turning the area into an eyesore.

The adage "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" must transcend words and find expression in our daily lives. While authorities have a responsibility to maintain cleanliness and enforce penalties for littering, citizens too must rethink their careless attitude towards public spaces.

Will we embrace a cleaner and more responsible way of living? Only time will tell.

—Kasi Ganeshan
Metagalli
10.2.2026

Gouri Satya's memories in Archives now

Mysuru, Feb. 19- The memories of senior journalist and writer Gouri Satya were recorded for the archival collections of the Department of Archives and Gazetteers here at the Mysuru Akashvani recently.

Department of Archives Director Dr. Gavi Siddaiah said, "The memories of personalities belonging to different fields have already been recorded as part of the department's efforts to preserve oral history."

Asst. Director H.L. Manjunath highlighted the importance of 'oral history' as a source material both for those interested and the researchers.

During his 70-minute recording, Gouri Satya brought back his memories about various historical and cultural background of the then Royal City.

He spoke about his education, family and ancestors, ancestral association with the Palace as Gouripurohits, Gouripooja celebrations and its management, his father G.L. Swamy's pioneering efforts in tourism and journalism, his experiences in the fields of tourism and journalism and association with the then prominent personalities of Mysuru.

He also narrated the grandeur of Dasara celebrated by Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, their patronage to music and arts, heritage structures and their upkeep, the need to restore and protect them and save the cultural richness of Mysuru through sustained efforts.

He lauded the efforts of the Department in collecting and preserving important documents and archival material for research and study.

Retired Deputy Director Dr. J.V. Gayathri introduced Gouri Satya and conducted the interview.

Revision in Profession Tax

Mysuru, Feb. 19- As per the Karnataka Gazette Notification, all the Drawing and Disbursing Officers of the Government Offices, Employers, Local Authority, Companies, Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies, Educational Institutions, etc., who are liable to deduct Profession Tax (PT) from the salary of February 2026 payable to their employees, shall deduct PT of Rs.300 instead of Rs. 200. This is applicable from the salary of February month ONLY.

For detailed information, reference may be made to the provisions of Gazette Notification, according to N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

CAVA workshop spotlights core artistic foundation

Excellence in basics key to success, says Animation expert B.N. Vichar

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (MK&BS)- Renowned Animation expert B.N. Vichar has advised students that excellence in art demands a strong foundation in the subject and continuous efforts to learn new dimensions in the field.

He was speaking after inaugurating a workshop on 'Sculpture and Printing Art' and an exhibition of student paintings at Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA) in Mysuru recently. Vichar emphasised that basic knowledge is crucial in any discipline and said the training received at CAVA plays a vital role in pursuing a career in animation.

"A computer is only a tool; artistic skill has its own importance. Students should also learn by observing and appreciating the works of other artistes and drawing finer insights from renowned masters," he noted.

Art Director Manju Prasad, who is also President of the CAVA Alumni Association, said CAVA students enjoy high regard and urged them to focus on creating a distinct identity in whichever field they choose.

CAVA Administrative Officer Nirmala Mathapati called upon students to dream big in order to achieve excellence. Noted sculptor Ullaskar De and printmaking expert G.M. Muthuraj also shared their experiences with students.

More than 300 paintings created by first and second year students during a recent educational tour to Hampi and Badami are on display at the expo, which will remain open to the public till Feb. 22 (11 am to 5 pm).

Heads of Departments K. Raghavendra (Sculpture) and A.P. Chandrashekar (Graphics) were present.

Clay kiln unit

CAVA plans to install a Bhatti Ghataka (clay kiln unit) for firing terracotta artworks at an estimated cost of Rs. 80,000 to Rs. 1 lakh. Besides terracotta, the unit will also be used to harden other clay artefacts, said Nirmala Mathapati.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling women self-help groups

The K.R. Nagar Town Municipal Council (TMC) has invited applications from women self-help groups formed under DAY-NULM scheme, for maintenance of Mahatma Gandhi Park located in Ward 9 of K.R. Nagar TMC. Eligible women self-help groups coming under K.R. Nagar TMC limits can obtain the prescribed application form from the TMC Office and submit the filled-in form by Feb. 26.

Yuva Nidhi scheme

The Department of Employment and Training has invited applications from eligible qualified and unemployed youths (Diploma holders/ Graduates/ Post-Graduates) for registration to the State Government's 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme, for availing monthly financial assistance. The beneficiaries of the scheme are required to submit a self-declaration form declaring their unemployment even after 6 months of their educational qualification, between the 1st and 25th of every month. Interested unemployed youths can register through Seva Sindhu portal *https://sevasindhugs.karnataka.gov.in* at KarnatakaOne, BengaluruOne, GramaOne centres or Bapuji Seva Kendra. For details, contact Mob: 87489-84360 or 90363-56862 or 91139-82513 or 82174-85689.

KarnatakaOne Centres

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru, has invited online applications from eligible persons for establishment of KarnatakaOne Centres on franchisee terms, at the following places in Mysuru district: H.D. Kote Town Municipal Council, Hunsur CMC, Bogadi, Kadakola and Rammanahalli Town Panchayats in Mysuru taluk; Hootagalli CMC, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Periyapatna Town Municipal Council and Saragur Town Panchayat. Interested persons can apply online through *https://www.karnatakaone.gov.in/Public/Franchisee terms* before 8 pm on Mar. 2. Only online applications will be considered.

Badminton: Entries invited

Golden Juniors Badminton Tournament will be held at Spark7 Courts in Bengaluru on Apr. 11 and 12 for both boys and girls in the age group of +9, +11, +13, +15 and +17 years. The knockout tournament is open for all players with competition in Boys Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Singles and Girls Doubles. Last date for registration is Mar. 31. Teams can call Mob: 80958-10030 or email: *denzsports@gmail.com*.

Pledged gold weight tampering case

Bank gold appraiser held on return from Bangkok

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (PM&KS)- Vijayanagar Police have arrested a gold appraiser attached to the Hinkal branch of Canara Bank, who had fled to Bangkok after allegedly committing fraud involving the weight of gold ornaments pledged by customers. He was taken into custody at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Monday upon his arrival from Bangkok.

Ashwin Kumar

The accused, 39-year-old M. Ashwin Kumar, a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, was produced before a Court by Vijayanagar Police, which granted two days of Police custody for questioning. He was later remanded to 14 days of Judicial Custody.

The case came to light after discrepancies were noticed in the weight of gold ornaments pledged for loans at the bank, prompting anxious customers to gather at the branch on Dec. 17 and question the staff. Following the incident, the Police registered an FIR against the appraiser.

19 grams becomes 16, 85 beads reduce to 77

Several customers alleged that the appraiser had tampered with their jewellery and reduced its weight. The issue surfaced when customers redeemed their pledged gold and later checked the ornaments at home. In one instance, a gold chain that weighed 19 grams at the time of pledging was found to weigh only 16 grams after release.

Further inspection revealed alterations to the jewellery's physical structure. Although the overall weight marking appeared unchanged, the number of gold beads in the chain had reduced from 85 to 77.

The chain was also reportedly damaged, with links cut and rewelded, rendering it unfit for use. Ashwin Kumar had been serving as the branch's gold appraiser since 2014. In recent weeks, multiple customers raised doubts about the weight of their pledged ornaments and, on Dec. 19, formally complained to bank authorities that the gold weighed less than recorded.

Subsequent inspection by bank staff and Regional Manager Rajashekar confirmed variations in the weight of the pledged ornaments, suggesting customers had been cheated. Based on the complaint, Vijayanagar Police registered a case and launched an investigation.

Soon after the FIR was filed, the accused fled to Bangkok. However, he was arrested with the assistance of the Airport Police immediately after landing in Bengaluru and was produced before the Court.

Duplin Complex case

'Deadline to vacate shops applicable to tenants, not owners'

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (BLU&BS)- Even as Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) is preparing to lawfully evict the tenants of Duplin Complex (Dupline Complex) at the intersection of D. Devaraj Urs Road and Shivarampet in the city, by serving a deadline to vacate the shops till March first week, the merchants appear unfazed.

In a meeting convened by Duplin Complex Merchants Association last evening, the Association President Girish, quoting legal experts, said: "the recent High Court order is nowhere related to us. The Advocate has advised not to worry over the Court order.'

Girish reiterated that, of the total 51 shops in Duplin Complex, 70% of the stalls are owned by merchants, who had duly paid the stipulated amount to then Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and got the shops registered and obtained the Title Deed.

"Hence, we are the shop owners not tenants," claimed Girish, who, however, said that the latest HC order is applicable to only those 26 tenants of Duplin Complex attached to D. Devaraj Urs Road and another tenant of the complex attached to Shivarampet.

Giving a call to fellow merchants not to panic over the MDA Commissioner's media briefing, where the latter had warned of evicting the tenants by March first week, Girish said, "following the confusions that prevailed during the initial stage, we discussed about the latest HC order with our Advocate, who clarified the actual position. The same was discussed further at the Merchants Association meeting too."

"After the assurance of our Advocates, we are relieved and carrying out our business as usual," added Girish.

Woman goes missing

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (KS)- A 75-year-old woman, who left her house at Gandhinagar in city on Mar. 6, 2025, saying that she was going to the hospital, has since gone missing.

Janakamma

The missing woman is Janakamma. She is oily red complexioned, normal built, has marks of wounds on her right hand, speaks Kannada and was wearing a blue saree and blouse at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Narasimharaja (NR) Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418312 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Amrutha Murthy

Mysuru, Feb. 19- Amrutha Murthy (74), wife of music critic late S.R. Krishnamurthy (SRK) and a resident of Bogadi, passed away at a private hospital in Yelahanka, Bengaluru, in the wee hours of today. Amrutha had met with a road accident near Yelahanka at about 8.15 am yesterday and was admitted to the private hospital, where she succumbed to injuries in the wee hours of today.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. The body was brought to her residence in Mysuru in the afternoon and last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam later in the day today.

Porangada M. Ponnappa

Porangada M. Ponnappa (83), a resident of Brindavan Extension 1st Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Bekkesodlur village in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, he leaves behind his wife Radha Kaveramma (Macharanda) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Alexander

Rev. Fr. Joseph Alexander (62), passes away at a private hospital in city yesterday.

The mortal remains were kept at St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church) this morning for the public to pay their last respects which was followed by the Funeral Mass. The body was later shifted to his native place Otterthotti near Martalli, Chamarajanagar district, this afternoon and the funeral took place at St. Joseph's Church in Otterthotti this evening.

Puttalingamma

Puttalingamma (85), wife of retired Income Tax Department officer Chikkanna and a resident of Jayanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, children Dinesh Kumar, Chandra and Lakshmi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Jayanagar Burial Grounds this noon.

N. Madegowda

N. Madegowda (86), retired PWD Superintending Engineer and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Gowramma, son Mahesh, daughter Roopashri and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

P. Siddachar

P. Siddachar (75), City President of Akhila Karnataka Vishwakarma Mahasabha and a resident of J.P. Nagar, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at J.P. Nagar Burial Grounds this afternoon.

Narayana Hospital, Mysuru upgrades Radiation Oncology Services

Marks 10 years of Comprehensive Cancer Care with Enhanced Precision and Advanced LINAC Technology

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji interacting with Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty** (second from right), **Founder and Chairman of Narayana Health, after inaugurating the Next-Generation Linear Accelerator (LINAC) system at Narayana Hospital in Mysuru this morning as Dr. P.M. Uthappa** (extreme left), **Group Chief Medical Director, Narayana Health, Dr. Sharat Damodar** (third from left), **Chairman, Oncology Services and Clinical Director, Mazumdar Shaw Medical Foundation Centre, Narayana Health City and others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (VNS)- Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, today announced the upgrade of its radiation oncology services with the commissioning of a Next-Generation Linear Accelerator (LINAC) system, marking a significant milestone in its continued commitment to precision-driven and accessible cancer care.

Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, has been delivering comprehensive cancer care over the last decade supported by advanced radiation therapy services, including LINAC-based treatment. This latest upgrade represents the next phase in that journey, strengthening treatment accuracy, safety and efficiency while reinforcing the hospital's role as a regional hub for high-quality oncology care.

The milestone was marked by the gracious presence of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, Founder and Chairman, Narayana Health.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Devi Shetty said, "In India, 33 percent of premature deaths are due to cardiovascular diseases and 17 percent due to cancer which contribute about 50 percent to total number of deaths due to heart issues and cancer. Early diagnosis can prevent heart attacks and cure cancer."

"We are always committed to delivering comprehensive cancer care to community. With cancer incidence rising steadily across India, the challenge before us is not only advancing treatment capabilities but ensuring that these advances reach every patient who needs them," he said.

"Too often, geography determines how quickly someone can begin treatment and that is a gap the healthcare system must actively address. Bringing advanced radiation therapy closer to communities enables earlier intervention and more consistent treatment outcomes. This technology upgrade reflects our ongoing commitment to precision-driven oncology and to ensuring that progress in medical science translates into equitable, tangible healthcare access beyond major metros," added Dr. Shetty.

Treatment closer home

By upgrading its radiation oncology capabilities, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, further reduces the need for patients from neighbouring districts such as Mandya, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Ramanagara to travel long distances for advanced radiation therapy, ensuring timely and continuous treatment closer to home.

As part of this enhancement, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, has commissioned the Elekta Infinity Linear Accelerator (LINAC), a next-generation radiation therapy system from Elekta designed to deliver highly precise and modulated treatments. The advanced platform incorporates sophisticated beam-shaping and image-guided radiation therapy capabilities, enabling clinicians to conform radiation doses accurately to tumour volumes while minimising exposure to surrounding healthy tissue. The system also enhances treatment efficiency by optimising session times while maintaining high standards of clinical precision and safety. This upgrade reflects the hospital's ongoing investment in state-of-the-art oncology technology to further improve patient outcomes and experience.

Healthy lifestyle

Sri Ganapathy Swamiji shared, "The medical profession has always been regarded as a noble calling dedicated to relieving suffering and preserving life. When advanced cancer treatment continues to strengthen within community, it brings reassurance to families during challenging times."

In addition to this, Swamiji also reiterated the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including following a Satvik diet, avoiding addictions — including mobile overuse — practicing Pranayama and meditation, engaging in regular exercise, maintaining proper sleep-wake cycles and leading a stress-free life of contentment.

Supported by a multidisciplinary oncology team spanning medical, surgical and radiation oncology, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, continues to strengthen its comprehensive cancer programme.

Moon Committee meeting held; Ramzan fasting from today

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (AP&KS) - A meeting of the Mysore District Hilal (Moon) Committee was held at the office of the Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee on Sayyaji Rao Road yesterday evening. It was decided that Holy Month of Ramzan and fasting will begin from today.

At the meeting the information was collected about the sighting of the Moon, to announce the date and time of fasting during the Holy Month of Ramzan.

Information was collected from various parts of the District and other parts of the State. As the Moon was sighted across the country as well as State and after consulting the Central Moon Committee in Bengaluru, it was announced that Holy Month of Ramzan and fasting will begin from Feb. 19.

Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Zaka Ulla Siddiqi read the resolution decided in the meeting. Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff greeted the Ulemas and released Ramzan timings of Sehri and Iftar calendars. Moulana Mufthi Syed Tajuddin, Moulana Shah Vali Ulla Umri, Moulana Ibrahim, Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee Chairman Azeez Ulla Ajju, social worker Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed, former Corporator Suhail Baig, Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, Naseeruddin Babu, Shabnum Sayeed, Md Abdus Salam, Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, S.A. Rahman Khaleel, Wakf Officer Mushtaq Ahmed, Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi and others were present.

Ramzan fasting time-table

The following is the Sehar Iftaar timings pertaining to Mysuru City approved by Ulemas and announced by Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohamed Usman Shariff yesterday after the meeting.

Date	Pre-Dawn Meal (Sehri)	Azan Fajr	Dusk Feast (Iftar)
Feb. 19	5.27 am	5.32 am	6.33 pm
Feb. 20	5.27 am	5.32 am	6.33 pm
Feb. 21	5.27 am	5.32 am	6.33 pm
Feb. 22	5.26 am	5.31 am	6.33 pm
Feb. 23	5.26 am	5.31 am	6.33 pm
Feb. 24	5.25 am	5.30 am	6.34 pm
Feb. 25	5.25 am	5.30 am	6.34 pm
Feb. 26	5.25 am	5.30 am	6.34 pm
Feb. 27	5.24 am	5.29 am	6.34 pm
Feb. 28	5.24 am	5.29 am	6.34 pm
March 1	5.23 am	5.28 am	6.34 pm
March 2	5.23 am	5.28 am	6.34 pm
March 3	5.22 am	5.27 am	6.35 pm
March 4	5.22 am	5.27 am	6.35 pm
March 5	5.22 am	5.27 am	6.35 pm
March 6	5.22 am	5.27 am	6.35 pm
March 7	5.20 am	5.25 am	6.35 pm
March 8	5.20 am	5.25 am	6.35 pm
March 9	5.20 am	5.25 am	6.35 pm
March 10	5.20 am	5.25 am	6.35 pm
March 11	5.18 am	5.23 am	6.36 pm
March 12	5.18 am	5.23 am	6.36 pm
March 13	5.18 am	5.23 am	6.36 pm
March 14	5.16 am	5.21 am	6.36 pm
March 15	5.16 am	5.21 am	6.36 pm
March 16	5.15 am	5.20 am	6.36 pm
March 17	5.15 am	5.20 am	6.36 pm
March 18	5.13 am	5.18 am	6.36 pm
March 19	5.13 am	5.18 am	6.36 pm
March 20	5.13 am	5.18 am	6.36 pm

For details, contact Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohamed Usman Shariff on Mob: 93423-39646 or 78929-05460

Care, Cure & Insure

A pioneer of cardiac surgeries in the country with more than one lakh heart surgeries to his credit, the Founder and Chairman of Narayana Health Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty has played a pivotal role in the healthcare landscape of India.

He continues to introduce new tech to healthcare while also being very outspoken about preventive care. The recent introduction of Narayana Health Insurance is designed around preventive care.

***Star of Mysore* caught up with Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty for an exclusive interview to know about healthcare and future plans of Narayana Health during his visit to Narayana Hospital at Devanur in Mysuru this morning.** — Ed

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> **— Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, Founder-Chairman, Narayana Health**

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): In the recent past, more and more youngsters have been diagnosed of heart disease?

Dr. Devi Shetty: Whenever you come across a news report about a 50-year-old fit person, succumbing to cardiac arrest while running a marathon, I can tell, had that man been for a cardiac check-up 10 years earlier, he wouldn't have died.

In my entire life as a heart doctor, I have never seen somebody, with normal heart condition, experiencing a sudden death. The heart problems can be diagnosed with just one simple blood test, ECG, echo cardiogram and a CT scan. If these four tests are done, none of them would end up as patients.

So, when somebody is diagnosed with sudden cardiac arrest or with end stage of cancer, that means they didn't go for an annual check-up. If you want to transform healthcare, everyone should go for an annual health check-up.

SOM: You spoke about Narayana Health Insurance. What was the idea behind introducing Narayana Health Insurance and how different is it from other health insurance policies?

Dr. Devi Shetty: So far, most people who have availed health insurance in India did not need it because they had enough money to pay for the treatment out of pocket.

Our strategy is to encourage those people, who can't afford to buy regular insurance. They should buy our insurance because it is affordable and it is guaranteed by our hospital. We have a reputation to maintain, right?

Also, we want to change the way health insurance system runs. Health insurance covers only hospitalisation expenses. But we want to make a difference by providing preventive care through insurance. We want to do annual check-up and offer primary care.

Normally, the premium is paid per annum or at specified periods. But we want insurers to pay the premium through EMI, which would be much easier for working class families to afford.

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The whole idea is to cover those who have had an inclination to purchase a health insurance policy, because that is the only way forward. If they delay, the premium rates will only go up. And when you grow older, the premium will be obviously very high. So, it is better to buy insurance at a young age when the premium will be less.

SOM: When it comes to medical research in India, do you think we are doing more research work compared to the West and other countries or are we lagging behind in certain areas?

Dr. Devi Shetty: Things are changing dramatically in India. It is getting better. There are more and more medical equipment manufacturers based in India. Most of the medicines sold across the world are *Made in India*. Things are getting better. It will only get better soon.

SOM: Narayana Health started with a 280-bed hospital in Bengaluru in the year 2000. Today it is not only a pan India Hospital chain but an international one. How do you visualise the growth and future plans, if any?

Dr. Devi Shetty: Our target has always been working class people and this philosophy continues. We realise that building a hospital is not the only solution, a health insurance acts as a spur to avail the facility. So, we are putting all our heart and soul into building the health insurance programme.

SOM: Nowadays, consumption of bottled water has increased. Does this cause cancer?

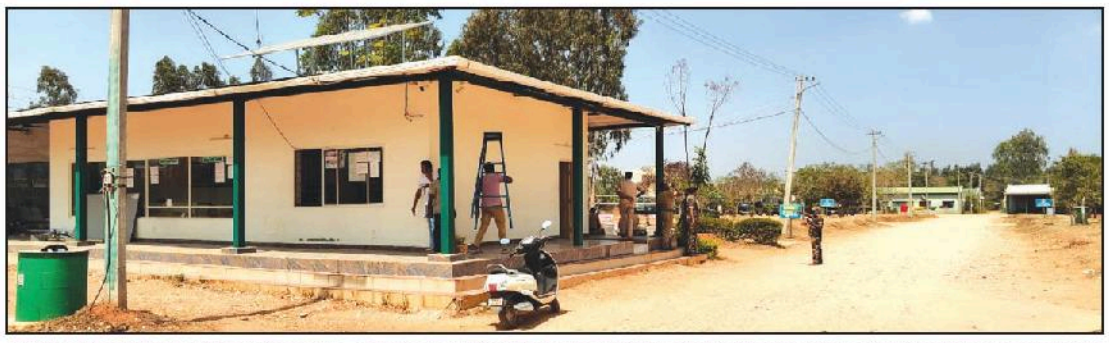
Dr. Devi Shetty: I don't think there is any scientific evidence to prove that the bottled water is responsible for causing particular type of a disease. May be the experts will find out in the future.

SOM: Narayana Health has been in Mysuru for many years now. Do you have any special plan for expansions in the city?

Dr. Devi Shetty: Narayana Health has a major plan for Mysuru, as we are very confident and optimistic about the city. We want to expand our facility here, may be, by building a new hospital in another part of the city.

Partial safaris to restart in Bandipur, Nagarahole

Shorter safari hours, vehicles to have GPS trackers and dashboard cameras



At the Bandipur Tiger Reserve safari counter this morning, staff cleaned the dust and prepared for reopening. Safaris will officially resume only after the Government's written order is received.

Eshwar Khandre

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (MTY&BCT)- The Karnataka Government has approved the partial resumption of wildlife safaris in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and Bandipur Tiger Reserve, permitting operations at 50 percent capacity.

Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre announced the decision at a press briefing held at Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday, citing improved safety conditions and recommendations from a technical committee.

Safaris had been suspended in October 2025 following a series of fatal tiger attacks in the region. Emphasising that human life remains the Government's top priority, the Minister said the earlier closure was necessary to prevent further loss of life.

Despite multiple preventive measures, he noted that 45 to 50 people continue to die each year due to human-wildlife conflict, describing the situation as deeply concerning.

Revised safari guidelines

Under the new norms, Bandipur safari duration has been reduced from eight hours to five, while Nagarahole safaris will run for four hours. Trips at Kakanakote will be allowed for six hours during the first phase.

Only half of the safari vehicles will operate initially, with the remaining vehicles and staff deployed along forest fringes to prevent wild animals from straying into nearby villages.

Within two months, all safari vehicles must be fitted with GPS trackers and dashboard cameras to prevent misuse, including operations beyond permitted hours.

Expert recommendations

A technical committee comprising senior forest officials, scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India and faculty of the Indian Institute of Forest Management examined the issue. Based on its interim findings, the Government opted for a phased reopening of safaris, the Minister said.

One-third of safari revenue will be earmarked for communities living near forest boundaries to support skill development, fodder cultivation, eco-development initiatives and stronger measures to mitigate human-wildlife conflict.

The Minister clarified that tourism zones cover only a small portion of the reserves (80 sq. km. in Bandipur out of 1,036 sq. km. and 63 sq. km. in Nagarahole out of 844 sq. km.), adding that there is no scientific evidence linking safaris to tigers entering human settlements.

The meeting was attended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force Meenakshi Negi, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar, PCCF Biswajit Mishra and other senior officials.

Farmers' groups resist safari reopening; protests planned

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (MTY&BCT)- The Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene have strongly criticised the State Government's decision to resume safaris in Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, alleging that the move prioritises the interests of capitalists over the safety of farmers living along forest fringes.

State Secretary Manju Kiran accused the Government of bowing to pressure from resort owners and commercial interests instead of safeguarding forests and human lives.

He charged that CM Siddaramaiah and Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre had sent a message that capitalists mattered more than farmers' lives.

The unions announced plans to lay siege to the Bandipur safari office and warned that the agitation would intensify if the order permitting safaris is not withdrawn.

Farmers expressed fears that the resumption of safaris would aggravate human–wildlife conflict, leading to animals straying into villages, crop destruction and attacks on people. They argued that even as wildlife populations rise and forest areas shrink, the Government has chosen revenue considerations over human safety.

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TODAY'S MATCH [FEB. 19]

Afghanistan Vs **Canada**
Venue: M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai
Time: 7 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH [FEB. 20]

Australia Vs **Oman**
Venue: Pallekele International Cricket Stadium, Kandy
Time: 7 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS [FEB. 18]

India 193/6 (20 overs)
BEAT
Netherlands 176/7 (20 overs)

Pakistan 199/3 (20 overs)
BEAT
Namibia 97 all out (17.3 overs)

UAE 122/6 (20 overs)
LOST TO
South Africa 123/4 (13.2 overs)

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Zipline over Karanji Lake: Works halted

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Anusha added that only curing of the already constructed concrete structures for the zipline pillars would be permitted, and no fresh work would be allowed.

It may be recalled that *Star of Mysore* had reported on the proposed zipline in yesterday's edition. Environmental activists have questioned the necessity of the project, citing potential harm to the Zoo and Karanji Lake Nature Park, both considered ecologically sensitive biodiversity zones.

Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman Rangaswamy said the zipline proposal had been placed before the Authority and cleared at one of its meetings two months ago.

Tourism Department to decide: Senior Tourism Department officials were unavailable for comment. While the Deputy Director is reportedly unwell and hospitalised, the Assistant Director and Assistant Executive Engineer did not respond to repeated calls from *Star of Mysore*.

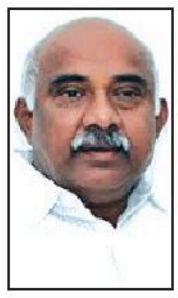
However, an engineer, requesting anonymity, said tenders for the project had been invited and approved, and that implementation was being handled by Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited (KTIL).

"Yesterday, the Zoo Executive Director informed the Department over the phone to immediately stop the works due to clearance issues. Consequently, we have halted construction, and only the curing of the concrete pillar structures is underway. Senior officers in Mysuru and Bengaluru will decide the next course of action," he said.

Promotion of former MUDA Commr.

MLC Vishwanath slams CM Siddaramaiah's governance

Bengaluru, Feb. 19 (BCT)- The recent promotion of former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner and KAS officer D.B. Natesh to Selection Grade has triggered controversy, with MLC A.H. Vishwanath launching a sharp attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.



A.H. Vishwanath

D.B. Natesh

The row follows allegations by Mysuru-based social activist Snehamayi Krishna that, bribes were paid to secure Natesh's promotion. Expressing strong displeasure, Vishwanath claimed this development had not surprised the public. "Everyone knows Natesh is a corrupt officer," he alleged.

Arrest may expose truth

Vishwanath accused the Congress Government of shielding Natesh despite serious charges and ongoing investigations. He alleged that the officer had not been arrested because it could expose uncomfortable truths. "If he is taken into custody, many facts about Siddaramaiah himself will come out," he claimed.

Promotion despite investigations

Questioning the decision to elevate an officer facing allegations of theft, site scams and misuse of MUDA, Vishwanath asked, "In which State does this happen? You are promoting someone accused of looting sites and ruining MUDA. Shameful. Siddaramaiah, is this your governance?"

'Mysuru's urban development ruined'

Referring to broader irregularities, he charged that the Government had damaged the city's urban development. "Instead of punishing those who harmed MUDA, you are protecting and rewarding them with promotions," he said.

Vishwanath also criticised Congress legislators' foreign tours, linking the issue to the Chief Minister's leadership. Stating that Karnataka politics was deteriorating despite high public awareness, he said, "Don't think you can fool the people. They understand everything."

Governance without development

He further alleged that the Government had focused on theatrics rather than progress. "For the past two-and-a- half years, there has been no governance or development, only shouting and quarrelling," he said.

'Mandate for development, not drama'

Reminding the ruling party of its electoral mandate, Vishwanath said people had voted for development, not internal conflicts or foreign trips. "Under Siddaramaiah's leadership, that mandate is being misused. This is not acceptable," he added.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	03.45	06.25	Daily (Via MAQ,MYS)
16552	Mysuru	Chennai	05.10	07.50	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.40	08.35	Monday
20676 (17326)	Mysuru	Belagavi	07.00	09.55	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	06.00	07.40	ExceptWed-VandeBharat
66554	Ashokapuram	Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	08.00	10.10	Tue &Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.35	11.05	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	13.13	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05	12.05	Thu - Humsafar Express
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.40	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.40	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45	16.25	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	13.05	14.45	ExceptWed-VandeBharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.30	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.55	17.05	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.05	Except Thu
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.50	17.20	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.50	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	15.45	18.20	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.15	18.50	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	17.15	20.10	Daily
07034	Mysuru	Kakinada Town	17.20	20.55	Tue & Sat (TOD SPL)
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.50	21.40	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	20.30	23.40	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.40	23.05	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.15	22.50	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	20.40	00.05	Daily
06269	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	21.50	00.35	Daily
66580	Ashokapuram	SMVB Baiyyappanahalli	23.00	02.35	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	23.10	01.25	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.55	02.05	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	00.10	04.00	Daily
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	00.30	04.05	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Wednesday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Friday
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.20	07.45	Thursday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.40	08.35	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	05.55	08.55	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.20	09.30	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	06.35	10.20	Daily
16536	Pandharpur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	08.05	11.45	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.25	11.15	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.15	12.25	Daily - MEMU Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05	12.20	ExceptWed-VandeBharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35	13.00	Except Thu
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30	14.00	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	12.50	16.00	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	12.15	15.00	Wed - Humsafar Exp
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.50	16.30	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger
07033	Kakinada Town	Mysuru	09.00	16.00	Mon & Fri (TOD SPL)
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	16.45	19.25	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.05	20.00	Thursday
20675 (17325)	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.50	20.35	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.10	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	18.40	21.30	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	21.55	Daily - MEMU Passenger
16551	Chennai	Mysuru	20.00	22.50	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Murdeshwar	20.25	23.20	Daily
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	21.30	23.30	Except Thu - Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	22.55	01.50	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	20.45	00.05	Fri & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.25	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.45 next day	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266	Mysuru	Arsikere	06.30	10.25	Daily Passenger
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.15	10.10 (Hassan)	Daily
06281	Mysuru	Arsikere	08.00	11.10	Sat
06282	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.10	18.30	Wed
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.40	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	14.00	23.00	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	22.00	Daily Passenger
56267	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily Passenger
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	17.30	21.15	Daily Passenger
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	19.30 (Fri)	18.45 (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	22.45	09.55	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	23.40	12.55	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	19.40	07.10	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.25	17.05	Daily
16207	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.55 (Hassan)	20.10	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.00 next day	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.50	15.30	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	14.50	22.30	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	02.20 (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	14.10	03.30	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.45	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	08.00	10.10	Daily Passenger
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.50	13.30	Daily Passenger
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	15.40	17.20	Daily Passenger
56282	Tumakuru	Chamarajanagar	18.40	20.50	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud Town	09.15	10.00	Daily Passenger
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	04.40	06.30	Daily Passenger
56281	Chamarajanagar	Tumakuru	07.15	09.00	Daily Passenger
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40	12.30	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.50	17.05	Daily Passenger
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.30	19.30	Daily Passenger
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	21.45	23.40	Daily Passenger
56205	Nanjangud Town	Mysuru	10.25	11.15	Daily Passenger

Kalasuruchi's Sahitya Chavadi on Feb. 22

Mysuru, Feb. 19- As part of its Sahitya Chavadi programme, Kalasuruchi, Mysuru, has organised a talk on 'Kannada Kirutereya Dharavayigalu mattu Sahityika Moulyagalu' by writer Kusuma Ayarahalli at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar on Feb. 22 at 10.30 am.

Kusuma Ayarahalli

Profile: Kusuma, hailing from Ayarahalli village near Mysuru, has actively participated in many Movements during her student days. After completing her MA degree in Kannada and Journalism, she began her work in media by being active in 'Akashvani.' For decades, she worked as a dialogue and script writer for famous directors like Girish Kasaravalli and T.N. Seetharam.

She has a wide experience including working for News Media. Her debut book was a short story collection called 'Yoltin keli.' She later went on to write a novel called 'Daari' and has been the recipient of Dr. Ha. Ma. Nayak Award and Kittur Rani Chennamma Award.

She is now active in agricultural work at Ayarahalli and is also working for 'Parisara Balaga,' a team which takes up lake restoration and other environment-friendly tasks.

38th All India Postal Cultural Meet

Karnataka Postal Circle excels on Day-2

***S. Charmi** (left) and Pallavi L. Kodiya from Karnataka Postal Circle, who won prizes in Folk Singing Competitions on the 2nd day of 38th All India Postal Cultural Meet on Feb. 17.*

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (MPM)- The second day of competitions on Feb. 17 at the 38th All India Postal Cultural Meet, currently being held in Mysuru, witnessed remarkable performances.

By securing 11 first prizes, 13 second prizes and 2 third prizes, the **Karnataka Postal Circle** claimed the first position. The **Kerala Postal Circle** secured the second position with 14 first prizes, 4 second prizes and 1 third prize. The **Odisha Postal Circle** maintained the third position by winning a total of 9 prizes.

From the Karnataka Postal Circle, **S. Charmi** won first prize in Junior Category - Karnataka Style Folk Singing and second prize in Odissi dance. **Pallavi L. Kodiya** secured first prize in Senior Category - Karnataka Style Folk Singing and third prize in Hindustani Style Folk Singing.

Shambhavi Degavi Math won first prize in Junior Category - Hindustani Style Folk Singing. **C.G. Pradyumna Kaushik** secured first prize in Senior Category - Hindustani Style Violin. **Sparsha** won first prize in Senior Category - Bharatanatyam. **Shrushti** secured second prize in Junior Category - Sattriya dance and **D.M. Punyashree** won second prize in Junior Category - Mohiniyattam. Several others also won prizes in various categories.

From the Kerala Postal Circle, **K.S. Niranjana** won first prize in Junior Category - Bharatanatyam. **Durgaram** secured first prize in Senior Category - Mohiniyattam. **Gautham Ganesh** won first prize in Senior Category - Kathakali dance.

N. Nayana Vasudev secured second prize in Senior Category - Karnataka Style Folk Singing and **K.N. Sivanandan** won second prize in Junior Category - Karnataka Style Folk Singing.

From the Odisha Postal Circle, **Banashree Patnaik** won second prize in Senior Category - Karnataka Style Folk Singing. **Lakshman Das** received a special prize. **Aman Kumar Das** secured first prize in Junior Category - Tabla and also won a prize in the Senior Category.

This 5-day cultural event, organised by the Karnataka Postal Circle, has brought together 335 Postal employees from 21 Postal Circles across India.

The event serves as an important platform for cultural exchange and the strengthening of national integration among postal employees.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Bhima, guardian god, in Nepal

Bhima is the strongest man of earth as per the great Hindu epic, the Mahabharata. In folklore, he is considered Bhairava, a fierce form of Shiva, because he disembowels Dushasana and drinks his blood and uses his blood to wash Draupadi's hair. In this folk imagery, Draupadi becomes the goddess and Bhima, her guardian. No one shall look upon her with eyes of desire.

As per the epic, Arjuna wins Draupadi as a trophy in an archery competition. His mother, Kunti, asks him to share his wife with his two elder and two younger brothers. Each brother stays with Draupadi for one year, before she moves to the other brother. So, they get turns once in five years.

Of these husbands, Draupadi loves Arjuna the most. But when she is in distress, no one comes to rescue other than Bhima. Bhima is willing to defy even Yudhishtira's word to make her happy. He is the one who takes the oath to break Duryodhan's thigh and drink Dushasana's blood to avenge Draupadi's humiliation.

He is the one who crushes Kichaka to pulp when he sexually harasses her in Virata's palace — an act that leads to the Pandavas being exposed during their year in hiding. It is he who travels to the edge of the earth to fetch golden lotuses for his beloved wife.

Draupadi is worshipped as a goddess in northern Tamil Nadu. Bhima is worshipped as a guardian god in parts of Nepal. He is depicted either holding the mace or disembowelling Dushasana in many temples. His worship has been around for at least since 1500 BCE, that is, 500 years ago, as per records.

He is popular in the Newar community, who dominate the valley. Scholars have found Bhima worship also as far as Indonesia, where he serves as doorkeeper and guardian god.

There is one unique iconography of Bhima that one finds in Nepal in traditional households where he is shown wrestling simultaneously a tiger, a lion and elephant, a horse and a serpent, declaring his great strength. This contributes to his popularity.

Bhima has a rakshasa wife called Hidimbi. And from that union is born the mighty Ghatotkacha. Ghatotkacha married a Naga woman and from that union was born Barbareek, whose head is worshipped as Khatu Shyamji in Rajasthan.

These folk mythologies connect Bhima to the masses to many tribal communities across India. He is also popular as Hanuman's brother as both share a common father — Vayu, the wind-god.

In Vedic mythology, Rudra is linked to the storm-gods known as Maruttas, which is why Hanuman is called Maruti. Thus, there is a link between wind, storm, Shiva, Hanuman and Bhima. Bhima carried Bhairava to Indraprastha on his shoulder, withstanding the loud shouts of Bhairava. So, Bhairava agreed to protect the Pandava capital and still stands in a temple near Purana Qila of Delhi, where he is offered alcohol.

What is often overlooked about Bhima is that while he loved food, he was also a great cook. So, not only was he a warrior, but he was also a cook. In this way, the very masculine warrior aspect is balanced by the feminine, nourishing aspect, making him a complete god in many parts of India.

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City cricketer selected for Vizzy Trophy

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (VNS)- 19-year-old Samarth Hegde, a first semester Civil Engineering student of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) in city, has been selected to represent the South Zone in the prestigious Vizzy Trophy organised by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) scheduled to be held at Panjim Gymkhana Ground in Goa from Mar. 1 to 5.

Samarth Hegde

Samarth, a left-arm spinner and a left hand batter, trains at Mysuru Gymkhana Club and has steadily built a reputation as a promising cricketer. His selection for Vizzy Trophy comes on the back of an impressive performance representing VTU team at South Zone Inter-University Men's Cricket Championship 2025-26, held at JSS Science and Technological University, Mysuru, recently during which he picked up 11 wickets and scored 96 runs in three innings.

The VTU team secured second place in the tournament and qualified for the All-India Inter-University Championship 2025-26, further highlighting Samarth's contribution to the squad's success.

The Vizzy Trophy is regarded as one of the most prominent platforms for emerging University-level cricketers in the country, offering players an opportunity to showcase their talent at a National level.

Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda, Secretary P. Vishwanath, Treasurer Shrishyla Ramannavar, VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda have congratulated Samarth for his achievement.

Samarth Hegde is the son of Shyamsundar Hegde and Shubha Hegde, residents of J.P Nagar.

Selected for State Masters Badminton team

Mysuru, Feb. 19- Maleyanda Arun Poovaiah, former international badminton player, has been selected to represent the Karnataka State Masters Badminton team at the Yonex- Sunrise 48th Indian Masters Badminton Championships to be held at Goa from Mar. 18 to 25.

Arun recently emerged victorious in the men's singles and mixed doubles during the selection tournament.

Arun Poovaiah will also participate in the doubles category directly on the basis of national ranking.

1st Intl. Case Conference at SDM-IMD on Feb. 20, 21

Mysuru, Feb. 19- SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, has organised its 1st International Case Conference on Feb. 20 and 21 at the SDM-IMD campus, Mysuru, around the theme 'Contemporary Contexts in Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.'

The Conference is being organised under the leadership of the Institute Director (Lt. Col.) Dr. S.N. Prasad and will bring together academicians, researchers, industry professionals, case writers and doctoral scholars to deliberate on contemporary challenges in writing, publishing and teaching management cases for academic and managerial impact.

The Conference will feature eminent speakers including Dr. Sankarshan Basu, Professor, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore; Dr. Shreya Mishra, Editor, South Asian Journal of Business and Management Cases and Faculty, Birla Institute of Management Technology; and Dr. Veena K. Pailwar, best-selling case author and Faculty, Institute of Management Technology Nagpur.

Dr. S.N. Prasad will deliver inaugural address. S.N. Shamanth, Director, Rakuten India Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. and Co-Chairman, Intl. Business Expert Committee, BCIC, will deliver keynote address.

A panel discussion on 'The Case Ecosystem: Writing, Publishing and Teaching for Impact' will be conducted by Dr. Veena K. Pailwar, Dr. Shreya Mishra, and Dr. S.N. Prasad, offering editorial, pedagogical and practitioner perspectives on the evolving case landscape.

An integrated case writing workshop will also be conduct, focusing on the craft of case writing, development of teaching notes, qualitative case research and publication pathways.

The Conference aims to foster meaningful scholarly dialogue, mentor emerging case writers and promote high-quality, practice-oriented case research.

For details, call: 97905-48895.

WORD OF THE DAY

Vertiginous

Pronunciation: ver-TIJ-uh-nus (Adjective)
Meaning: Vertiginous is a formal adjective used to describe something that causes or is likely to cause a feeling of dizziness especially because of great height.
Origin: The climactic scene of Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller Vertigo features, appropriately, a dramatic climb — and fall — from a vertiginous bell tower. Vertiginous, which describes things that cause vertigo (a sensation of motion in which an individual or their surroundings seem to whirl dizzily) comes from the Latin adjective vertiginosus, which in turn comes from the Latin noun vertigo, meaning "a turning or whirling action." Both words descend from the Latin verb vertere, meaning "to turn." Vertiginous and vertigo are just two of an almost dizzying array of vertere offspring, from adverse to vortex. The "dizzying" sense of vertiginous is often used figuratively, as in "the vertiginous heights of cinematic legend."
Example: "The climb is infamous for its heart-pumping switchbacks & vertiginous jaunt along a narrow sliver of crag. Those who fear heights, like me, typically avoid it."—Stephanie Vermillion, Travel + Leisure, 9 Nov. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Bavian

Insignificant or unskilled poet

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Heard It On The Grapevine

Meaning: This phrase "heard it on the grapevine" or "heard it though the grapevine" is a nice way of saying that one heard the information by means of gossip and rumour.
Origin: The "grapevine telegraph" was a way to express that information was received by eavesdropping on conversations going on between workers in the grapevines.
Example: "I heard on the grapevine that my sister-in-law got the promotion, but I really don't know much about it."

QUOTE BOX

Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are a cheese.

—Luis Bunuel

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

JOBINJOB

Answer: In between jobs.

SUDOKU

	9		7		2		1	
			1		9			
		3				7		
1		6				4		9
	5		8		6		2	
7		8				3		6
		1				8		
			4		8			
	8		2		5		7	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	7	6	1	8	5	2	3
8	6	1	2	5	3	9	7	4
2	3	5	9	7	4	6	8	1
5	8	4	7	6	9	1	3	2
6	7	9	1	3	2	4	5	8
3	1	2	8	4	5	7	9	6
1	5	3	4	2	7	8	6	9
7	4	8	3	9	6	2	1	5
9	2	6	5	8	1	3	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

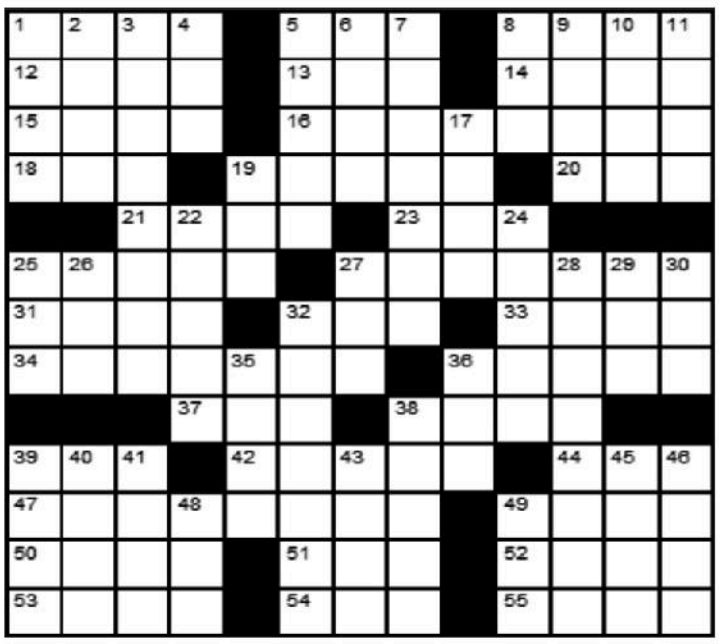
1 Islands - "its a" change?
5 Colourful carp
8 Sparkling wine - "I sat" anagram?
12 Initials on a brandy bottle
13 Inertial Ref. Sys.
14 Inspired wonder
15 Other abroad
16 Musical direction meaning 'it is indispensable'
18 Grief
19 Indian state famous for its tea gardens
20 Ten decibels?
21 Frenziedly misbehaving
23 An old horse
25 Finish (3,2)
27 Senior naval officer
31 Over the ___ : highly excited?
32 Step in ballet
33 Of Indian or local origin
34 Disentangle
36 First name of comedian Large
37 Christmas tree
38 Request for permission (3,1)
39 Ex-India batsman Mushtaq ___
42 Farewell
44 "Are" anagram for a foreign boy's name?
47 Medieval church
49 These radiation particles are electrons
50 Roman 57
51 A slippery customer!
52 Deeds
53 Himalayan myth
54 Random Hse. mail
55 Remain

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	D	E	A	■	L	U	V	■	S	W	A	P
A	L	T	N	■	E	N	A	■	T	H	A	R
C	O	C	K	T	A	I	L	■	A	E	R	O
■	■	■	L	E	K	■	H	A	L	T	E	D
I	B	S	E	N	■	G	A	L	L	S	■	■
S	E	P	T	■	A	R	L	O	■	T	A	P
M	A	O	■	A	T	A	L	E	■	O	V	A
S	U	K	■	M	Y	N	A	■	K	N	O	W
■	■	E	G	Y	P	T	■	T	H	E	W	S
S	O	N	A	L	I	■	D	I	Y	■	■	■
P	U	F	F	■	C	E	R	E	B	R	A	L
A	S	O	F	■	A	N	U	■	E	A	S	E
S	E	R	E	■	L	O	B	■	R	H	E	A

DOWN

1 Declare
2 Analogy words (2,2)
3 Bullfighter
4 Well, spring
5 Refreshment booth
6 Spheres
7 Landmasses surrounded by water
8 Local fire or famous Hindi movie of days gone by?
9 Large mop
10 ___ - a- ___ : cosy chat (same word)?
11 "Olid" anagram for something loved?
17 Muslim priest
19 Assoc. of Optical Practitioners
22 Paceman ____ Patel
24 Dizzy
25 Australian bird
26 Not, as a prefix?
27 East Indian shrub
28 Readdress
29 Airspeed Indicator, abbr.
30 Untruth
32 Daily, in Latin (3,4)
35 Small medicine bottle
36 Loire's contents
38 Lunch, breakfast, etc
39 Skilfully
40 Flow against
41 A small question expressing doubt, wonder or disbelief? (2,2)
43 Frozen treats
45 Indian wheaten flour
46 Effortless
48 Three for Tiberius
49 Art graduates, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

G BZNMZYO RKZ TGZC WRZCGWX. G

BZGHH CNIY PRBZ RA GZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A good memory and a tongue tied in the middle is a combination that gives immortality to a conversation.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  My Lord (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Kaa-The Forest (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Rakkasapuradol (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  45 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  O Sundara Rakshasi (K) - 2 Shows; *Daiva (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Pookie (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  O'Romeo 3 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

O' Romeo (H)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Crime 101 (E)	(S-1)	7.35 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Seetha Payana (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	(S-2)	4.20 pm, 7.20 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.45pm
Marali Manasaagide (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Funky (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Landlord (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Pookie (Ka)	(S-1)	4 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Nilave (Te)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
O'Romeo (H)	(S-2)	1 pm, 7 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Star (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	9.35 am, 12.50 pm , 4.10 pm, 10. 20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	9.35 am, 12.50 pm, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Crime 101 (E)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Wuthering Heights (E)	:	10.40 am, 12.55 pm, 6.45 pm
Funky (Te)	:	11. 10 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7. 10 pm
Pookie (Ta)	:	1.55 pm
JC: the University	:	3.50 pm
Funky (Te)	:	11.10 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Landlord (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kariya (K)	:	7.05 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.50 pm
Pennum Porattum (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

O'Romeo (H)	:	10.30am,12.25pm,2.10pm,5.50pm,9.30pm
Funky (Te)	:	10.35 am, 7.25 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11.05 am, 4.45 pm
Kariya (K)	:	1.15 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 10 pm
My Lord (K)	:	4.05 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7.10 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.25 pm. 10.10 pm
Minnale (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 19)

- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple, **up to 9 pm;** Discourse by BK Radha, Maddur, on 'Rajayogada Mahatvike,' **6.15 pm;** Lecture by Dr. S.P. Umadevi, Senior Writer, Mysuru, on 'Naari mattu Naareetva,' **7 pm;** Mohiniyattam by BK Kalamandalam Yamuna, Cochin, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa's 191st Jayanti, Special discourse by H.S. Mahesh (Hanumanalu, Mysuru), **4.30 pm;** Harikathe by Shraddha Gurudas (Mangaluru), **5.30 pm;** Aarti and Special Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm.**
- **Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust:** Launching of the book 'When Science Meets The Soul,' authored by M.D. Vipul Mankad, Dr. Nalini Chandar will be the moderator, The Sorento, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri - Performing Arts and Research Centre:** 'Nada Nritya,' a special evening of Indian classical arts featuring two artistes based in New Jersey, USA, morching concert by Ranga Ram Sheshadri, accompanied by Vidu. H.L. Nagasree on vocal, Vid. Dasappa on mridanga and Vid. Yashaswee on violin, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Bhargavi Sheshadri (wife of Ranga Ram Sheshadri), Nrityagiri premises, Preethi Layout, Srirampura, Mysuru, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Kannada & Culture Department, Kannada Book Authority, Bengaluru and District Awareness Committee, Mysuru:** Inauguration of 'Manegondu Granthalaya' initiative by senior social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee; Lecture on 'Pusthaka Samskruti' by Shree Garbha Garbha Samskara Founder Dr. S. Kavya; Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa presides, Manegondu Granthalaya Samithi Mysuru District Convenor M. Chandrashekar introductory address, Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya International Yoga School (Mysuru) Chairman *Yoga Praveena* Shivaprakash Guruji, Yoga Teacher Prema Kumar and Varakodu's Shiksha PU College Principal Devaraju P. Chikkahalli (Dechi) guests of honour, Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya International Yoga School, next to Yoga Park, Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 20)

- **Sri Annapoorneshwari Seva Trust:** Sri Annapoorneshwari Ammanavara 4th Vardhanti Mahotsava, Abhisheka, **8 am;** Durga Homa, **9 am;** Purnahuti and Mahamangalarati, **11.30 am;** Annasantarpane, **12 noon;** Bhajans by Sri Annapoorneshwari Troupe, **5 pm;** Folk Devotional Songs Programme by Mysore Manju - Janapada Siri troupe, **6 pm;** Special Puja and Prasada Distribution, Sri Annapoorneshwari Sannidhi, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **8.30 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple, **8 am to 9 pm;** Discourse by BK Mohan, Channarayapatna, on 'Nanna Kushi Nanna Kaiyalli,' **6.15 pm;** Lecture by Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, Senior Consultant Physician, Apollo Hospital and Columnist, Mysuru, on 'Ageing Gracefully,' **7 pm;** Chende Vadya by Mookambika Mela, Kalpetta, Kerala, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru Cinema Society:** Paridrishya 2026, a celebration of cinema, cultural and conversation, Day-1 - The Craft (Inauguration and Screenplays), Maharaja's College Grounds, **10 am to 6.30 pm.**
- **District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC):** Santa Kavi Sarvajna Jayanti celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Hinkal Government Higher Primary School Assistant Teacher K.S. Madhusudan delivers lecture, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Late D.V. Narasimha Rao and Tripura Sundaramma Memorial Music Programme, vocal concert by Vidu. Kamala Deepthi, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Harish Chandra on kanjira, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	9.50am,12.30pm,7.30pm,10.10pm
Crime 101 (E)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 10.20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	1.05 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Landlord (Ka)	:	3.50 pm
Funky (Te)	:	4.45 pm
Wuthering Heights (E)	:	10 pm

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O'Romeo (H)	:	11.10am,2.40pm,6.20pm,10pm
Daiva (Ka)	:	1.15 pm
Minnale (Ta)	:	1.15 pm
Karikaada (K)	:	4.10 pm
Funky (Te)	:	4.35 pm
My Lord (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	:	7.10 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	10 pm
Koodothram (Ma)	:	10.30 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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